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SUBJECT:ALLEGATIONS RE SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO MALAYSIA

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 1915

1. MALAYSIAN EMBOFF CALLED DEPT APRIL 5 AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN SECURING GOM ACCESS TO NORTHROP DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S MARCH 5 CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT, REGARDING THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF ALLEGED CORRUPT PRACTICES INVOLVING U.S. MULTINATIONALS ABROAD AND DEPT'S CONSULTATIONS WITH JUSTICE DEPT TO DEVELOP A PROCEDURE TO FACILITATE THE
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EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH INTERESTED FOREIGN GOVERN-

MENTS. EMBOFF NOTED GOM'S UNDERSTANDING THAT IN LOCKHEED CASE, DOCUMENTS WOULD BE EXAMINED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND WOULD BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL, AND HE REQUESTED THAT SIMILAR HELP BE EXTENDED TO GOM IN NORTHROP CASE THROUGH JUSTICE DEPT AUSPICES.

2. FYI. WE ARE EXPLORING THE REQUEST WITH JUSTICE ON PRIORITY BASIS. AS A PRACTICAL AND LEGAL MATTER, IT IS COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT SOME DOCUMENTS IN LOCKHEED CASE WERE ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH (SEC,JUSTICE

DEPT), WHICH WERE CONDUCTING THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS INTO LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES. GOM REQUEST, ON THE OTHER HAND, APPARENTLY RELATES ONLY TO INFORMATION HELD BY LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. ALTHOUGH CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE HAS IN LOCKHEED CASE AGREED TO LET JUSTICE DEPT SERVE AS A CONDUIT, THERE IS NO LEGAL BASIS FOR REQUIRING THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO DO SO. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. END
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